

Questions and Responses regarding the RFP Derivation of Molybdenum Water Quality Criteria

- Is the source of funding for this project similar to the recent RFP for mercury flux from mineral zones in which it as funded by industry and the State provided oversight?

The NDEP-BWQP will provide the necessary funding for the RFP Derivation of Molybdenum Water Quality Criteria with the intent of also providing oversight as the project progresses.

- There is no specification of the time period associated with Component F (Section 2.2.6). Would these meeting occur within a relatively similar, narrow time frame, or be scheduled over several months?

These meetings referred to in Section 2.2.6 of the RFP would most likely be scheduled over several months. Generally, the public workshops are conducted over a two week period. Depending on the SEC schedule, the SEC public hearing is usually held 2 to 3 months after the public workshops have been conducted. Applicants should include time and travel expenses in their cost estimate for participation in these meetings (for cost estimation purposes, each public workshop is usually a half day at each location and a full day should be estimated for the SEC public hearing).

- Section 4.2 Cost Proposal of the RFP does not specify that a Fee (“profit”) may be charged, along with salary, fringe, administrative, and other direct costs. Does this mean that Fee is strictly forbidden under this RFP, or is it to be included elsewhere, or was the lack of citation an oversight?

The NDEP-BWQP assumes that a profit margin would be included in the “charge rate” or “personnel hourly rate” for personnel who will be involved with the project. If necessary, applicants can include the fee to be charged and/or other indirect costs as “Other Costs” in the Cost Matrix (Section 4.2 of the RFP).